

REMARKS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed in the application on April 2, 2007. Claims 1-46 are pending. Claims 1-2, 7-12, 17-19, 22-23, 26-34, and 36-42 have been amended, and claims 43-46 have been added. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Authorization is provided to charge any additional fees necessary for entry of this Amendment to Deposit Account 13-2500.

CLAIMS

I. CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-6 and 11-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over 4,514,450 to Neiman in view of 4,345,394 to Sullivan. Claims 1, 7, 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over 6,652,178 to Walton in view of Sullivan and further in view of 3,720,304 to Laugherty et al. Claims 1, 19, 29, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over 6,652,178 to Walton in view of Sullivan.

Neiman teaches a system wherein individual card holders have a flip type construction and overlap one another. Sullivan also teaches a system where individual card pockets at least partially overlap one another. Walton teaches a system where individual card pockets do not overlap one another.

Independent claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to further include a panel pocket between a backing sheet and

the pocket(s) used for card storage. The amended claim discloses a system for storing index cards, comprising a storage sheet having at least one card pocket; the storage sheet further comprising a backing sheet, with a panel pocket between the card pocket and backing sheet, with at least one supply sheet having a plurality of index cards formed therein and detachable therefrom; and a binding mechanism for binding together the storage sheet and supply sheet. Support for the panel pocket is found in paragraph 16 of the original application. The cited references do not disclose or suggest a panel pocket. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1, as amended, distinguishes over the cited references. As such, Claim 1 (and necessarily the claims depending therefrom) are patentable over the cited prior art.

Independent claim 19

Claim 19 has been amended to further include a panel pocket between a backing sheet and the pocket(s) used for card storage. The amended claim discloses a method for assembling an index card storage system, including providing a storage sheet having at least one card pocket; the storage sheet further comprising a backing sheet, with a panel pocket between the card pocket and backing sheet, providing at least one supply sheet having a plurality of index cards formed therein and detachable therefrom; and providing a binding mechanism for binding together the storage sheet and supply sheet. Support for the panel pocket is found in paragraph 16 of the original application. The cited references do not disclose or suggest a panel pocket. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 19, as amended, distinguishes over the cited references. As such, Claim 19 (and necessarily the claims depending therefrom) are patentable over the cited prior art.

Independent claim 29

Claim 29 has been amended to further include a panel pocket between a backing sheet and the pocket(s) used for card storage. The amended claim discloses a method for storing index cards,

including providing a storage sheet having at least one card pocket; the storage sheet further comprising a backing sheet, with a panel pocket between the card pocket and backing sheet, providing at least one supply sheet having a plurality of index cards formed therein and detachable therefrom; providing a binding mechanism for binding together the storage sheet and supply sheet; and detaching an index card from the supply sheet and storing the index card in the card pocket.

Support for the panel pocket is found in paragraph 16 of the original application. The cited references do not disclose or suggest a panel pocket. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 29, as amended, distinguishes over the cited references. As such, Claim 29 (and necessarily the claims depending therefrom) are patentable over the cited prior art.

Independent claim 42

Claim 42 has been amended to further include a panel pocket between a backing sheet and the pocket(s) used for card storage. . The amended claim discloses a system for storing index cards, comprising a supply sheet having a plurality of index cards formed therein and detachable therefrom; a storage sheet having at least one card pocket sized to closely and completely receive an index card therein; part of the card pocket being transparent so that at least one side of an index card is visible through the card pocket, the storage sheet further comprising a backing sheet, with a panel pocket between the card pocket and backing sheet, with a binding mechanism for binding together the storage sheet and supply sheet. Support for the panel pocket is found in paragraph 16 of the original application. The cited references do not disclose or suggest a panel pocket. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 42, as amended, distinguishes over the cited references. As such, Claim 42 (and necessarily the claim depending therefrom) are patentable over the cited prior art.

Other Amendments

To provide clarity, independent claims 1, 19, 29, and 42, along with certain amended dependent claims, identify the cited “pockets” as either “card pocket” or “panel pocket.”

Claim 2 has been amended to replace “wherein in...” with “wherein”. Claim 10 has been amended to replace “and angle” with “an angle”. Claim 19 has been amended to replace “a index card” with “an index card”. Claim 42 has been amended to replace “wherein said part” with “wherein part”.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and formal notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application, which requires an extension of time, as incorporating a request for such an extension. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by this paper or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2500.

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